



# Salt Creek Floodplain Mapping Update

## Project Overview



The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is undertaking a comprehensive, multi-year initiative to update aging flood hazard maps for communities across the country. As part of this Federal program, FEMA is partnering with the City of Lincoln in cooperation with the Lower Platte South NRD to develop more accurate floodplain information for various streams and channels within the City and its future growth areas, including Salt Creek.

The current FEMA floodplain for Salt Creek is outdated, having been initially developed by the Corps of Engineers in the late 1970's. This was recognized by the Mayor's Floodplain Task Force, which recommended a new, comprehensive floodplain study and FEMA floodplain mapping effort for Salt Creek. The Salt Creek mapping update will produce revised FEMA floodplain maps for Salt Creek using the latest technology and data available to accurately reflect Salt Creek's floodplain. This information will assist in efforts to protect homes and businesses from flood hazards and provide guidance for future development adjacent to the channel.

The mapping project is expected to take approximately one year and to be completed in early 2006. FEMA will then incorporate this information into a more comprehensive, updated digital floodplain map for the City of Lincoln. It is anticipated to take a year or more following the completion of the Salt Creek study for FEMA's formal process before the revised Salt Creek floodplain is reflected on the official FEMA floodplain maps.

The project will include the following major components:

- Updating the FEMA floodplain and floodway maps extending from approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile south of Saltillo Road to North 98<sup>th</sup> Street. (See figure on reverse side).
- Addressing the Salt Creek flood storage areas as they relate to the floodway boundary.
- A series of 3 open houses to provide information regarding the status of the study:  
1) to describe the goals and objectives of the project; 2) to present and receive feedback on draft floodplain and floodway boundaries; and 3) to display the floodplain and floodway boundaries that incorporate FEMA review comments prior to adoption by the City of Lincoln.
- A visual presentation that communicates the goals and objectives of the project to be used at the open houses, and to be made available by the project team to various neighborhood associations, business groups, civic organizations, and other interest groups.
- Several interest group meetings to discuss the draft floodplain and floodway maps and answer questions from groups that share similar concerns.

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1981 FEMA Floodplain Map for Salt Creek  
Project Boundary

Legend

- Salt Creek Alignment
- Existing FEMA Floodplain (Salt Creek, 1981)

